

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the specification, the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19 in order to clarify the language as it pertains to the drawings. It is submitted that this amendment is for clarification purposes only and that no new subject matter is being introduced.

The Applicant expressly acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that claim 23 is allowable as originally presented and that claims 3, 5-9, 11-21 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 stand rejected as being anticipated by Smith, U.S. Patent No. 5,302,081. The Applicant and his Attorney have fully reviewed the references and respectfully request entry of an Amendment to claim 1 which sets forth that a plurality of blades provide a blade gap therebetween and that the resonator cavities are fluidly connected to at least one of said blade gaps. This Amendment essentially incorporates a portion of the subject matter of claim 2 and all of claim 3 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable over the references made of record. With claim 1 being allowable it is the position of the Applicant that the remaining dependent claims 2, and 4-9 are likewise allowable.

Claim 10 has been rejected as being anticipated by Verneau et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,143,511. The Applicant respectfully request entry of an Amendment to claim 10 which sets forth that a sleeve which has an interior wall forms each of the inlet and outlet openings, and further that the baffle assembly comprises a baffle plate which extends between substantially opposite sides of the interior wall. This Amendment essentially incorporates the subject matter of claim 11 which has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 is now allowable over the references made of record. With claim 10 being allowable it is the position of the Applicant that the remaining dependent claims 12-22 are likewise allowable.

The Applicant further requests entry of new claims 24 and 25. New claim 24 essentially incorporates the subject matter of claim 10 and 20 which the Examiner has indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 24 and the accompanying dependant claim 25 are allowable over the references made of record.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of a clarifying Amendment to claim 19 to correct a typographical spelling error and to claim 20 to correct informalities noted in the Office Action.

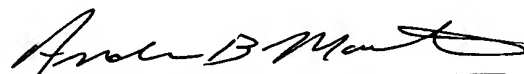
Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks submitted herewith, claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-25 are believed to be patentable and entry of a formal Notice of Allowance as to those claims is earnestly solicited.

It is the position of the Applicant that none of the other references made of record anticipate or render the pending claims obvious.

In the event a fee is required with the filing of this Amendment and the required fee is not enclosed or is deemed insufficient, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to withdraw the required funds from Deposit Account No. 18-0987. If a withdrawal is required from Deposit Account No. 18-0987, the undersigned Attorney respectfully requests that the Commissioner cite Attorney Docket Number **4570.91** for billing purposes.

Should the Examiner deem a telephone call to be beneficial in resolving any remaining matters or to place the claims in better form for allowance, the same would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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